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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SUPPLEMENTARY
ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

REF: STATE 59174

1. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TRANSMITTED REFTEL AND FOR THE OBVIOUS EFFORT WHICH LIES BEHIND IT. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IT OFFERS LITTLE PROSPECT OF BRIDGING THE GAP. IF I PRESENT THE PACKAGE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, I FEEL THAT IT MAY WELL PRECIPITATE THE TURKS AGAIN CALLING OFF THE CAGLAYANGIL VISIT. THEREFORE, BEFORE I RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE GOT (IN GENERAL TERMS, GIVING NO NUMBERS), I WISH TO BE ABLE TO MENTION OUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP IN AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT AND AMMUNITION PRODUCTION MACHINERY.

2. I AM ALSO TROUBLED BY REFTEL'S REPORT ON EX-IM BANK POSITION. WHEN THE EMBASSY WAS ADVISED OF MASON AND HAMMOND VISIT, WE IMMEDIATELY DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT IT WAS SCHEDULED TOO LATE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR
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PRE-WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS ON SWEETENERS

PACKAGE. I WAS ASSURED AT THAT TIME THAT EX-IM BANK
DECISION ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO A SWEETENER PACKAGE WOULD
NOT DEPEND ON THIS VISIT. NOW WE ARE TOLD THE CONTRARY. I
BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD AGAIN CONTACT EX-IM BANK
TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS OF
AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.
IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INSURE THAT
EX-IM AUTHORITIES HAVE SEEN ANKARA 1757.

3. ALTHOUGH I AM VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED,I URGE
THAT THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS I HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE BE
ADDED TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. IN MEANTIME, BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN OVER
PACKAGE IN ITS PRESENT STATE,I DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO TAKE
IT UP WITH MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG.
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